

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant (Late Arrival), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late Arrival), Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jeannelle Wallace, Acting City Administrator

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Public Session agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Thursday, September 8 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Special Session Minutes meeting minutes for Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The motion carried.
- FOR: Jones, Maxwell, McCarthy, Porter, Sistrunk and Yeargin
AGAINST: Stephenson

- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Public Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 2016. The motion carried.
- FOR: Jones, Maxwell, McCarthy, Porter, Sistrunk and Yeargin
AGAINST: Stephenson

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Ordinance O-17-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Ordinance O-17-05 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, October 3, 2016. The second reading was held on Monday, October 10, 2016. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve Ordinance O-17-05. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.2. Ordinance O-17-06 Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks. Ordinance O-17-06 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, October 3, 2016. The second reading was held on Monday, October 10, 2016. It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Ordinance O-17-06. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.3. Ordinance O-17-07 Amendment of Chapter 14-Departments and Committees. Ordinance O-17-07 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, October 3, 2016. The second reading was held on Monday, October 10, 2016. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-17-07. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.4. Ordinance O-17-08 Amendment of Chapter 12-City Hall. Ordinance O-17-08 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, October 3, 2016. The second reading was held on Monday, October 10, 2016. It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve Ordinance O-17-08. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin stated that the report for the month of September is on the information stand.

4.2. City Administrator Report:

- Mrs. Wallace, Acting City Administrator stated that the month of September the city had been focused on Smart City. Mrs. Wallace stated that there areas that we need to be proactive on and resolve sooner rather than later; assign a Public Safety Officer, educate, empower and engage residents on personal safety issues and codes pertaining to trash and property maintenance; Establish goal of 48 hours response time to citizens, elected officials and City Administrator request; Economic Development Page on Website; resolve abatement on private vacant property as a priority; Establish policies for complying wit Clean Water Mandates; Schedule State Highway Administration Traffic Engineer to present on traffic issues on MLK Highway
- Mrs., Wallace requested the City Council to approve payment in the amount of \$132, 150.00 from the reserve account for the Smart City Vendors.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the payment for the vendors in the amount of \$132, 150.00 to Arel for \$78,000, RDA Engineering \$34,000 and \$9,750.00, Nehemiah Management Project Management \$10,400.00. The motion carried.
- FOR: Jones, Maxwell, McCarthy, Porter, Sistrunk and Yeargin
- ABSTAIN0: Stephenson

5. UNFINISHED BUSINSS

5.1. None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. None

7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Barbara Kennedy-Mrs. Kennedy requested that they receive a monthly report showing the monies coming in and going out. She would like for the residents to get more information on the Smart City as well as the information being including on the city website.
- M. Charlina Watson-Ms. Watson stated that she has more of a comment. The website isn't in tuned to the people. The website isn't easy to navigate. She would like to get update minutes and documents on the website.
- Earl Ross, Jr. Mr. Ross stated that the City approved the handicap parking space in front of his home about ten (10) years ago. He was informed that he could receive a break on his property taxes if his income is less than \$35,000 annually. He was informed that by the County Executive Office that he was no longer eligible to receive the discount on his taxes. He has requested a driveway installed for a handicap person.
- Pastor Stephen Joyce-Pastor Joyce stated that he is interested in renting the Gaskin property on MLK. He stated that he has heard the City Administrator mention the upcoming report for the property and he recommends About his Father Business to repair the church. They are willing to lease and repair the church.
- Dino Sawyer-Mr. Sawyer stated they have a great concern in Seat Pleasant Community as well as every community. Mr. Sawyer was stopped on a routine traffic stop by the Seat Pleasant Police Department. They were requested to get out of the car and searched by the police officer. When he requested the officer badge he was told to leave or he would be arrested. The officer use profanity toward the individuals. They were informed by the officers to watch his back. They were instructed to complete a complaint form for the matter to be investigated.
- Bernita Bishop-Ms. Bishop wanted to know the laws for parking on Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway. She stated that she has resided in the city for three (3) years and she is pleased with the cleanliness of the city.
- Mayor Grant stated that the city has implemented a speed camera on Central Avenue. He stated the Former Chief of Police worked very hard to have the speed cameras on Central Avenue. He gave kudos to Former Chief Cotillo and the outgoing Council for the passage of the legislation.


8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Rain Barrel Demonstration, Sunday, October 23, 2016, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd.,**
- 8.2. Seat Pleasant Annual Community Flea Market, Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD**
- 8.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, October 3, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.4. Public Session, Monday, October 10, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

9. ADJOURN-

The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk